

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2619 – HB 2959

February 2, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits state and local government from assessing labor costs to a person requesting copies of a public record.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue – Exceeds \$60,000

Decrease Local Revenue – Exceeds \$200,000

Assumptions:

- According to a Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) survey, annual amounts charged by local governments for labor costs related to copies of public records range from \$375 to more than \$10,000.
- There are 344 municipalities and 95 counties in Tennessee. If each of these local governments charged only \$375 per year, the decrease in local revenue would be \$164,625 (439 local governments x \$375). The decrease in local revenue is reasonably estimated to exceed \$200,000.
- According to the Comptroller, there are approximately 150 state departments and agencies that have oversight over public records. If each agency charged only \$375 per year, the decrease in state revenue would be \$56,250 (150 agencies x \$375). The decrease in state revenue is reasonably estimated to exceed \$60,000.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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